

## THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

## FACT, NEWS, AND GOSSIP.

Help for the Volunteer Militia—Lithium Carbonate—The Office-Seekers' What They Want.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Representative Cox, of North Carolina, is still here. To-day he said to me that he will on the first day of next session introduce a bill appropriating \$600,000 annually to the volunteers of the country. The present appropriation of \$200,000 was fixed in 1868, when our population was less than ten millions, whereas we now have fifty-seven millions. The regular army, he says, costs \$1,000 a man every year, and there are thousands of discharges from it. In the mean while officers in great numbers are about Washington in citizens' clothes looking after preferment and enjoying the social festivities of the national capital. On the other hand, the volunteers, he contends, are the real army of the republic, and have proved their efficiency whenever called out to suppress riots. He pays their own expenses, give their time without compensation, and ought, therefore, to be encouraged, he thinks, by the General Government in keeping up their organizations. General Cox would have called up this matter during the last six days of the session, but there was no bill before Congress that could then have passed both houses. The next session being a long one will give him sufficient time to get it through before the appropriation bills are ready. The appearance of the volunteers who have been here recently, including our Richmond companies and the other Virginia organizations of General Lee's command, have raised the reputation of the citizen soldiery with members of both houses of Congress. General Cox is very hopeful of securing early and favorable action on his bill.

## THE ILLINOIS SENATORSHIP.

I had a talk this afternoon with a sensible Democratic representative from Illinois who said that it looked to him as if Messrs. Morrison and Logan would remain in the field. "The Governor," he added, "would not appoint General Logan, and the Senate would seat him." He thought that if Harrison had been nominated instead of Morrison his election would have been certain. Now, in his judgment, the available Democrat is not Governor Palmer, but Judge Lyman Tree, of Chicago, who is rich, and popular with all Democrats. He can, he thought, secure 103 votes, the number required to elect. Haines, Independent, he said, is looking out for himself. He is exceedingly smart. Mr. Morrison has gone to Springfield, and Judge Tree was here last night.

## PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS.

Representative Henderson, of North Carolina, who succeeds Mr. York (Republican), and Mr. Cowie (Democrat), who succeeds General Vance, are here. There were a number of dresses stolen from Miss Spindle, formerly of Shenandoah, and the Misses Bolling, of Wytheville, her guests. Among these was an inauguration-ball dress. The thief wanted a *souvenir*. Hon. John W. Daniel arrived to-day. Representatives Barbour, Cabell, and Tucker are still here. The Missouri delegation has referred all applications for foreign missions to Senators Vest and Cockrell. Representative Pryor, of Alabama, who declined a reelection and who has been a member of the Senate, was originally from Chesterfield. He is never happier than when talking of fox-hunting in that good old county years ago. There was no surprise to-day when the nominations of General Black, of Illinois, for Pension Commissioner, and Mr. Fairchild, of New York, as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, were sent to the Senate by the President. A doorkeeper of the House said to me to-day: "Four years ago there were thirteen cranks in our gallery, and this inauguration I did not discover one." A veteran journalist remarked that a North Carolina Republican came here when Hayes was elected with heavy backing from Commissioner of Agriculture. He is now, however, a messenger in the Pension Office. Judge Keith, W. L. Royall, and General W. H. Payne were at the Capitol to-day. The watch and chain presented to Mr. Barbour by the railroad employees, cost nearly \$1,000. Rear-Admiral Marston, aged ninety, is suffering from heart-disease. General Hazen's counsel will challenge all of the court-martial which meets Wednesday for his trial. John H. McCann will be private secretary to Secretary Whitney. The Republicans think Mr. Evans ought to be on the Senate Judiciary Committee. Senator Garland, in accepting a position in Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet, said: "I shall spare no pains to make my Administration a blessing to the country." The late Belmont will simplify the business at the White House. The President will attend one of the Presbyterian churches of this city. Chairman Barnum and Robert Garrett called on the President to-day. Mr. Harry Bryan will continue to be Mr. Bayard's private secretary. Secretary Manning was at his desk at 9 o'clock this morning. The Japanese Minister has sent a private messenger to New York to inquire about General Grant's health.

## THE SENATE TO-DAY—SENATOR VAN WYCK'S ATTACK.

The galleries of the Senate were crowded to-day, and considerable time was consumed on the proposition to send the schooner *Solomon*, Pool, which sailed from this port January 1st for Newfoundland banks, has been given up for lost with her entire crew of fourteen men. She is the first vessel lost in this city at 2 P. M. to-morrow.

## United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—In the United States Supreme Court to-day the motion of defendant in the case of Maximilian A. Dapkin vs. The Times Publishing Company of Philadelphia to advance the hearing of the case was denied.

## The Court granted the motion of the plaintiffs in the polygamy case of Clavson vs. The United States to advance the hearing of the case to April 6, 1885.

## Judgment affirmed.

JACKSON, MISS., March 9.—In the case of Dr. R. J. Penn for the murder of R. B. Riels, at Hazlehurst last year, the Supreme Court has affirmed the judgment of the lower court. Penn is now under sentence of death.

## The New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad.

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## THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

The New Cabinet Members Designed by Appointment to Office—Official Action.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—The offices of the various Cabinet officials were besieged all day with crowds of people, who called either to congratulate the incumbents on their accession to office or to further the aspirations of office-seekers. Generals Sheridan and Hancock and Chairman Barnum, of the Democratic National Committee, were among the callers.

## The number of applications for postmasterhips received to-day at the Post Office Department has never been equaled in any previous day, and the First Assistant Postmaster-General found it necessary to detail a special force of employes to file applications.

Where aspirants presented their claims in person they were informed they must file their applications and await their consideration in regular order. The commissions of 68 presidential postmasters expire during the present month, and over 250 such commissions will expire before the beginning of the next session of Congress.

The Secretary of the Treasury received a large number of visitors to-day, among them were General Hancock and Hubert O. Thompson of New York. He has appointed Valentine P. Snyder, of New York, his private secretary, to succeed Frank Sperry, who has resigned to engage in the practice of law in New York city.

One of the first official acts of Secretary Manning was to sign, instead of the Secretary, all warrants for the payment of money into the public Treasury and all warrants for the disbursement of money from the public Treasury. It is understood that this is only a temporary designation, and that a successor to Mr. Coon will be nominated in a few days.

The President again held open house to-day, and received a large number of visitors, including congressional delegations from several States. In order to devote attention to the official matters requiring action during the present special session of the Senate, it is probable that the President will have to deny himself to visitors for a few days. The doors were thrown open to the public during the afternoon, and several hundred persons called to pay their respects. The President received them in the East room.

The President's private secretary contemplates a change in the general office of doing business at the White House, which will include the simplification of the manner of keeping the official records and an incidental reorganization of the clerical force. It is intended to do away with the present system of keeping a full and elaborate record of all business brought to the attention of the President, and to confine the record to such matters only as require his individual action. All other documents will be referred to the department to which they relate and a simple record kept of their reference. No changes have yet been made in the force employed at the White House.

## The New Attorney-General Presented to the Supreme Court.

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WASHINGTON, March 9.—When the Supreme Court met to-day a large crowd was in attendance to witness the presentation to the court of the new Attorney-General by the retiring head of the Department of Justice. Attorney-General Garland and ex-Attorney-General Brewster sat together at the bar of the court, and the inclosed part of the court-room, reserved for attorneys in practice before the court, was crowded with lawyers of prominence, among whom were General Benjamin F. Butler and several of Mr. Garland's law colleagues in the Senate.

When members of the court had taken their seats Mr. Brewster arose and asked permission of the court to present his successor, Hon. A. H. Garland. The new Attorney-General bowed to the court as the presentation was made. Mr. Brewster then, addressing the court, said that he desired to make grateful acknowledgment of the court's unceasing kindness to him. Attorney-General Garland acknowledged the kindness of Mr. Brewster in presenting him to the court, and, addressing the members of the court, said: "I shall attempt with every possible exertion in my power in the discharge of my duties before this court so to demean myself as to merit your respect and entire confidence."

The Chief Justice then directed the clerk of the court to enter the commission of the Attorney-General upon the record, and turning to Mr. Brewster, said: "The court will be glad to see the new Attorney-General in the place of the old one."

## Changing Places.

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WASHINGTON, March 9.—Judge French, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, tendered his resignation to-day to take effect upon the appointment and qualification of his successor. The nomination of ex-Attorney-General Charles S. Fairchild, of New York, to succeed Judge French, was sent to the Senate this afternoon. The President also sent to the Senate the nomination of John C. Black, of Illinois, to be Commissioner of Pensions.

## Washington Items.

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WASHINGTON, March 9.—Colonel Nelson H. Davis, who is next in rank to General Sackett, will succeed the latter, and on assuming the duties of Senior Brigadier-General will take the rank of brigadier-general. General Sackett's funeral will take place at his late residence in this city at 2 P. M. to-morrow. The court-martial recently ordered to try ex-Surgeon-General Wales, of the Navy, on the charge of culpable inefficiency and neglect of duty, met at the Navy Department to-day, but on the recommendation of its presiding officer adjourned until April 14th to give the accused time to prepare his defense.

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